

BRAZIL CITY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
APRIL 8, 2009

- President Ruthann Jeffries called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- The March minutes were read and approved.

- Treasurer's Report—Linda Messmer
Non-reverting Fund

Beginning Balance Feb. 28, 2009.....	\$10,780.05
Revenue.....	\$ 1,001.45
Disbursements.....	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Ending Balance Mar. 31, 2009.....	\$11,781.50

- Park & Recreation Fund

Beginning Balance Feb. 28, 2009.....	\$4,741.35
Revenue.....	\$2,980.74
Disbursements.....	<u>(\$12,244.04)</u>
Ending Balance Mar. 31, 2009.....	<u>(\$4,521.95)</u>

TAW payment of \$97,789.97 was made which is reflected in the Park Fund balance. Also, the Workman's Comp payment of \$4,153.00 was put into the Park Fund as well as the December electrical bill from Christmas in the Park. The \$1,000 Capital Projects money was transferred from Park Fund to Non-reverting Fund. No special project has been named to this money. The expenditure and encumbrance lists were closely reviewed.

- Joe Mullinex of Mullenix Lawn Service agreed to an increase of \$20 a mow for the "Pitch & Putt" at Craig Park. Linda Messmer motioned to change the mowing contract to a total of \$26,680.00 (\$26,220.00 + \$460.00). Seconded by Todd Brackman. Carried.
- Caroline McCullough motioned to allow Christmas in the Park to construct a "Santa House" from one of the choices offered. Seconded by Linda Messmer. Carried.
- Mary Yelton presented information about the Born Learning Project. This is funded locally by the United Way of Central Indiana and other foundations. Board Members were given packets of information. The project is an early childhood learning tool that is fun oriented in an outdoor setting. It involves a learning trail with signs. United Way would donate the signs worth \$1,450. Mark Johnson of UW would assist laying out the course. The Board supported the project but had several questions. Mrs. Yelton will continue to research and come back to the Board. Thus, the matter was tabled until next meeting.

- Chris Reynolds, a vice president of Forrest Sherer Insurance (holder of Brazil City insurance), spoke on two upcoming issues—swimming pool drains and skate park liability.

Drains—Spear Corp. has done an inspection and determined action needed to comply with the law. Bill Hale Clay Co. Dept. of Health is involved and has determined that a waiver would be possible so the pool could open. Mr. Reynolds needed more information about the waiver and responsibilities.

The main problem is that all municipalities are faced with the changing of drains, and there is simply not enough time to complete before the pool season begins. After some research, Mr. Reynolds will meet with Superintendent Houck, President Jeffries, and the Lost Control person from the insurance company very soon. It seems the Park Board has done everything to comply that it can do until Spear installs the drains.

Skate Park—Mr. Reynolds gave the Board a packet of information about skate parks, signage, maintenance, etc. The bottom line seems to be that skate parks have to be designed by an architect. Installed by professional engineers and contractors. If not, the immunity provided by the extreme sports law is invalid, and the liability would rest with the park board and city. Also, other issues discussed were maintenance and communication costs. A meeting with Roberta Weliever and Skate Park Committee, Mayor Bradshaw, Safety Director Mary Staub, Superintendent Houck, Park Board and Chris Reynolds will be scheduled very soon.

- Superintendent's Report—Bill Houck

--Pavilion restrooms have been opened since last Friday, and most of the plumbing has been repaired or replaced. A major break in the main feeding the men's restroom has been repaired.

--Tables and benches are being moved to make room in the Pavilion for the First Christian Church's Easter Egg Hunt.

--GDS (Glen Steuerwald) has started replacing the damaged electrical equipment in the large concession stand.

--All disc golf baskets have been taken up to make way for a new course configuration. All supplies except sand and gravel for concrete are on hand.

--Wheeler and Craig restrooms should be opened by the weekend.

--All city limbs, sticks, leaves will go to Yankee Rose.

--The old security car is at Craig Park for use in the Fire Dept. training.

--There is a need for more signage in the parks. New signs would include, 1) NO BICYCLES & MOTORIOZED VEHICLES ON SIDEWALKS 2) 15 MPR SPEED SIGNS (6 Forest Park, 2 Craig Park) 3) NO DUMPING OF TRASH, LIMBS at Craig Park 4) GOLF AREA CLOSED DURING TRACK MEETS at Craig

The Board authorized Mr. Houck to proceed with purchasing and installing of these signs.

- Linda Messmer motioned to allow the YMCA to replace the outfield fence at the softball diamond. Seconded by Todd Brackman. Carried.

- Linda Messmer motioned to allow the CYL to make repairs and improvements. Seconded by Todd Brackman. Carried.
- Approximately 60 North Clay Middle School students will be taking a field trip to Forest Park. Activities would include golf, disc golf, swimming pool, and walking track.
- Since John Day would be involved with the disc golf instruction at the field day, he suggested the Board buy some basic discs for use and demonstration. These would be used for other activities and for persons wanting to learn the game. Todd Brackman motioned to allow Mr. Day to purchase 48 discs for \$269.99 plus shipping. Seconded by Linda Messmer. Carried.
- Payment of \$1 was received from Bryan Wyndham for the purchase of the merry-go-round.
- Due to the length of the meeting the landscaping at fountain, parks' closing time, pavilion electrical upgrades, and pool report were tabled.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.


Caroline McCullough, Secretary